IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
APPELLATE SIDE

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.4100 OF 2004
IN
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.1142 OF 2004

Asha @ Ananda Vasant Chavan .. Applicant.

v/s.

State of Maharashtra .. Respondent.

Mr.Milind Deshmukh for applicant.

Ms.Usha Kejariwal, Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

CORAM : R.M. LODHA AND
R.S. MOHITE, JJ.

DATED : 17th February, 2005

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Heard Mr.Milind Deshmukh, the learned counsel for the applicant.

2. The applicant is original accused No.1 in sessions case No.50/2001 tried by the IIIrd Additional Sessions Judge, Baramati, District-Pune. She was charged of having committed murder of her husband, conspiracy under section 120-B and screening of the evidence under section 201 of the IPC. The original accused No.2 has been acquitted while the present applicant-original accused No.1 has been convicted of the offences punishable under section 302 and 201 of the IPC though she has been

acquitted of the offence punishable under section 120-B of the IPC. The appeal preferred by the applicant challenging her conviction is pending. The applicant was on bail during trial. There is no direct evidence connecting the accused with the crime. The circumstantial evidence relied upon by the prosecution shall require deeper probe at the time of hearing of the appeal. In the circumstances, we are satisfied that the applicant deserves to be enlarged on bail during the pendency of appeal.

3. Hence the following order:-

> The applicant Asha @ Ananda Vasant Chavan shall be released on bail on her furnishing personal bond of Rs.10,000/- with two sureties of like amount for her appearance before this court as and when required.

4. Criminal application stands disposed of.

(R.M. LODHA, J.)

(R.S. MOHITE, J.)